

Stated Meeting, November 21.

Present, twenty members.

JUDGE KANE, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Drs. Edward Hallowell and Elisha K. Kane, newly elected members, were presented to the presiding officer, and took their seats.

Letters were read:—

From Lieut. Col. Edward Sabine, dated Woolwich, October 20, 1851, announcing a donation to the Society:—

From W. H. Prescott, dated Boston, November 15, 1851, presenting, on the part of the author, the *third* volume of Don Lucas Alaman's History of Mexico, which volume had not been previously received: and—

From Isaac R. Davis, dated Philadelphia, November 21, 1851, acknowledging the receipt of notice of his election as a member of this Society.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Historia de Mejico, desde los primeros movimientos que prepararon su independencia en el año 1808, hasta la epoca presente. Por Don Lucas Alaman. Tomo III. Mexico, 1850. 8vo.—*From W. H. Prescott, for Don Lucas Alaman.*

Meteorological Register for twelve years, from 1831 to 1842, inclusive: compiled from observations made by Officers of the Medical Department of the Army, at the Military Posts of the United States. Prepared under the direction of Brevet Brig. Gen. Thos. Lawson, Surgeon General U. S. Army. Washington, 1851. 8vo.—*From General Lawson.*

Journal of the Franklin Institute. Third Series. Vol. XXII. No. 5. November, 1851. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Institute.*

The African Repository. Vol. XXVII. No. 11. November, 1850. Washington. 8vo.—*From the American Colonization Society.*

Progress of Medicine during the first half of the Nineteenth Century: being an Introductory Lecture to the Spring Session in the Philadelphia College of Medicine; delivered March 17, 1851. By

James Bryan, M.D. Professor of Institutes and Medical Jurisprudence. Philadelphia, 1851. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

A Historical Sketch of Surgery, from the Revival of Literature to the end of the Seventeenth Century: being an Introductory Lecture to a Course on Surgery in Geneva Medical College, N. Y. By James Bryan, M.D. Geneva, 1851.—*From the same.*

Letters on the Resources and Commerce of Philadelphia; from Job R. Tyson to William Peter, Her Britannic Majesty's Consul for Pennsylvania. With Mr. Peter's answer prefixed. Philadelphia, 1851. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

Moral Education. A Lecture delivered at New Bedford, Aug. 16, 1842, before the American Institute of Instruction. By George B. Emerson, President of the Institute. Boston, 1842. 8vo.—*From James J. Barclay, Esq.*

The Plough, the Loom and the Anvil. Vol. IV. No. 5. November, 1851. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From F. G. Skinner, Editor.*

Dr. Boyé exhibited, for the inspection of the Society, a specimen of Iron Pyrites, containing some Copper Pyrites, and about $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of *Nickel*, from the "Gap Mine," in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. The mineral has a peculiar colour and lustre.

The proceedings of the Board of Officers and Council at their last meeting, were read.

Mr. Trego stated that there are certain instruments and articles of apparatus belonging to the Society, in the possession of individuals, of the lending of which there does not appear to have been any record made: Whereupon it was resolved, on motion of Mr. Fraley, that the Curators and Librarian be requested to prepare a catalogue of the apparatus belonging to the Society, and to reclaim such articles as may not now be in possession of the Society.

Mr. Peale, one of the Curators, informed the Society, that Mr. Jacob G. Morris had proposed to arrange the collection of coins and medals belonging to the Society, and had obtained the sanction of the Curators for that purpose.

Pending nominations, Nos. 263, 264 and 265, and new nominations, Nos. 266, 267 and 268, were read.